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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Trade and development;

"(b) Food and agricultural development;

"(c) New and renewable sources of energy;

"(d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

"(e) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in seven parts (see also A/47/718/Add.1-6).

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2. The Second Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 10th, 11th, 14th, 16th to 18th, 27th, 30th to 33rd and 42nd to 44th meetings, on 9, 14, 20 and 22 October and on 4, 6, 9 and from 18 to 20 November. The general discussion on sub-items (c), (d) and (e) was held at the 10th and 11th meetings, on 9 October. The general discussion on sub-item (a) was held at the 31st to 33rd meetings, on 9 November. The general discussion on sub-item (b) was held at the 42nd and 44th meetings, from 18 to 20 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/47/SR.10, 11, 14, 16-18, 27, 30-33 and 42-44). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 5 to 8 October (see A/C.2/47/SR.3-9). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report as follows: A/47/718/Add.1 - questions not relating to a specific sub-item; Add.2: sub-item (a); Add.3: sub-item (b); Add.4: sub-item (c); Add.5: sub-item (d); and Add.6: sub-item (e).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third special session (A/47/25); 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on further substantive follow-up of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (A/47/121-E/1992/15);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa (A/47/279-E/1992/79 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/47/360);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on structural change in the world economy; implications for energy use and air emissions (A/47/388);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on combating desertification and drought (A/47/393);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/47/404);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (A/47/487);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/47/25).

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Assessment of the environment focus of projects financed by UNDP and other United Nations agencies" (A/47/457);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views held in the Council on the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (A/47/477);

(k) Letter dated 29 January 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Singapore Declaration of 1992, signed by the ASEAN Heads of State and Government at the conclusion of their summit meeting, held at Singapore on 27 and 28 January 1992 (A/47/80-S/23502);

(l) Letter dated 30 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Colombo Declaration issued at the Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 21 December 1991 (A/47/82-S/23512);

(m) Letter dated 3 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the appeal of the Prime Minister of Ukraine to the world financial circles (A/47/83);

(n) Letter dated 6 February 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting documents from the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference, held at Dakar, from 9 to 11 December 1991 (A/47/88-S/23563);

(o) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the representatives of Indonesia and Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the press communiqué issued at the conclusion of the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries held at Bali, Indonesia, from 14 to 16 May 1992 (A/47/225-S/23998);

(p) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Poland and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting information concerning the Treaty on Good Neighbourliness, Friendly Relations and Cooperation between the Republic of Poland and Ukraine of 18 May 1992 (A/47/267);

(q) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting information on the Treaty between the Russian Federation and Poland concerning friendly and good-neighbourly cooperation, of 22 May 1992 (A/47/268);

(r) Letter dated 26 June 1992 from the representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Agreement between the Russian Federation and Ukraine on the further development of inter-State relations (A/47/290-S/24204);

(s) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Summit Declaration on Black Sea Economic Cooperation, signed at Istanbul by the Heads of State or Government of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine on 25 June 1992 (A/47/305-E/1992/96);

(t) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women, adopted at the Summit on the economic advancement of rural women, held at Geneva on 25 and 26 February 1992 (A/47/308-E/1992/97);

(u) Letter dated 21 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Communiqué of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Port of Spain, from 29 June to 2 July 1992 (A/47/344);

(v) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Joint Communiqué of the Twenty-fifth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting issued at Manila on 22 July 1992 (A/47/351-S/24357);

(w) Letter dated 30 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the conclusions of the second Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held at Madrid on 23 and 24 July 1992 (A/47/356-S/24367);

(x) Letter dated 29 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the "Helsinki Document 1992 - The Challenges of Change" agreed upon at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held at Helsinki on 9 and 10 July 1992 (A/47/361-S/24370);

(y) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the Munich Economic Summit, held from 6 to 8 July 1992 (A/47/375-S/24429);

(z) Letter dated 17 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Communiqué of the Twenty-third South Pacific Forum, held at Honiara, Solomon Islands, on 8 and 9 July 1992 (A/47/391);

(aa) Note verbale dated 11 September 1992 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Statement adopted by the InterAction Council at its tenth session, held at Querétaro, Mexico, from 28 to 31 May 1992 (A/47/437);

(bb) Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77, adopted on 1 October 1992 on the occasion of their sixteenth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York (A/47/499);

(cc) Letter dated 25 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/564);

(dd) Letter dated 11 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/47/7).

Item 78 (a) Trade and development

(a) Reports of Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-seventh and on the first part of its thirty-eighth session; 2/

(b) Report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects, with particular emphasis on commodity-dependent developing countries in the light of the outcome of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/47/398 and Corr.1);

(c) Progress report by the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (A/47/410);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on specific problems and needs of island developing countries (A/47/414 and Add.1);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to the General Assembly the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/47/636);

(f) Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the position paper on the new world order prepared by the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultation and

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2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 15 (A/47/15, vols. I and II).

Cooperation (Group of Fifteen), at its annual meeting held in Caracas, Venezuela, from 27 to 29 November 1991 (A/47/312-S/24238);

(g) Letter dated 25 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/564);

(h) Letter dated 28 October 1992 from the Minister of Foreign Trade of Colombia and President of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (TD/364) (A/C.2/47/3);

(i) Letter dated 28 October 1992 from the Minister of Foreign Trade of Colombia and President of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session to the President of the General Assembly transmitting draft resolution TD/L.337 entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people", contained in an annex to part IV.B of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (TD/364) (A/C.2/47/6).

Item 78 (b) Food and agricultural development

(a) Report of the World Food Council on the work of its eighteenth session (A/47/19 and Add.1); 3/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products, developments in the liberalization of international trade in agricultural and tropical products, and follow-up to the section on agriculture of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/47/395);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (A/47/487);

(d) Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the position paper on the new world order prepared by the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultation and Cooperation (Group of Fifteen), at its meeting held in Caracas, Venezuela, from 27 to 29 November 1991 (A/47/312-S/24238).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 19 (A/47/19/Rev.1).

Item 78 (c) New and renewable sources of energy

(a) Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session (A/47/36); 4/

(b) Letter dated 17 August 1992 from the representatives of Egypt, Italy and Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a joint memorandum concerning a new global energy policy interrelationship issued on 8 July 1992 at Cairo, Rome and Oslo (A/47/390).

Item 78 (d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51;

(b) Letter dated 17 August 1992 from the representatives of Egypt, Italy and Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a joint memorandum concerning a new global energy policy interrelationship issued on 8 July 1992 at Cairo, Rome and Oslo (A/47/390).

Item 78 (e) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (A/47/265-E/1992/81).

4. At the 10th meeting, on 9 October, introductory statements on sub-items (c), (d) and (e) were made by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Public Affairs and by the Director of the Division for Science, Technology, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources of the Department of Economic and Social Development (see A/C.2/47/SR.10).

5. At the 14th meeting, on 14 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Division of Development Policy and Analysis of the Department of Economic and Social Development, the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for the Arab States of the United Nations Development Programme and the representative of the regional commissions, New York Office (see A/C.2/47/SR.14).

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 36 (A/47/36).

6. At the 16th meeting, on 20 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (see A/C.2/47/SR.16).

7. At the 18th meeting, on 22 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/47/SR.18).

8. At the 27th meeting, on 4 November, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Division of Development Policy and Analysis of the Department of Economic and Social Development and the Director of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office of the United Nations Development Programme (see A/C.2/47/SR.27).

9. At the 31st meeting, on 9 November, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement on sub-item (a) (see A/C.2/47/SR.31).

10. At the 42nd meeting, on 18 November, the Vice-President of the World Food Council made an introductory statement on sub-item (b) (see A/C.2/47/SR.42).